



# Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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## CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.9

Soil moisture supplies: 27% very short, 43% short, 29% adequate and 1% surplus

### Field Crops Report

Very dry and windy conditions persisted across the state causing for concern for most crops. Producers completed 98 percent of spring plowing, 2 points ahead of the 5-year average. Corn was being irrigated. Some rice producers were flushing late rice or applying herbicides and fertilizer. Some rice producers were struggling to get water to all fields, as the water in some areas has begun to get salty. Emerged sorghum increased to 60 percent, 7 points behind the 5-year average. Soybean planting was still slow due to dry conditions with only 51 percent planted, 8 points behind the 5-year average. Many soybean and cotton producers were waiting on more rain before planting. Sweet potato planting began. Winter wheat turning color was increased considerably, reaching 71 percent, but still lagging 7 points behind the 5-year average. Sugarcane growth was slowed due to dry conditions. Producers continued to prepare fallow land to plant this fall.

### Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Producers were still harvesting greenhouse tomatoes and strawberries. Producers have started cleaning up strawberry fields. Citrus producers were experiencing a lot of fruit drop.

### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Hay cutting was going well. Cattlemen needed rain on pastures. Crawfish farmers were still selling crawfish.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2009	5 YR AVG
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	98	97	98	96
Cotton	Planted	65	48	77	71
	Emerged	48	0	29	47
Hay	First cutting	44	31	29	29
Rice	Planted	96	92	91	92
	Emerged	89	80	81	83
Sorghum	Planted	91	86	73	84
	Emerged	60	51	41	67
Soybeans	Planted	51	41	56	59
	Emerged	37	0	36	45
Sweet Potatoes	Planted	5	0	0	1
Winter Wheat	Headed	99	96	100	100
	Turning Color	71	9	79	78

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	0	11	30	53	6
Rice	0	4	31	51	14
Sorghum	0	13	55	32	0
Sugarcane	4	18	53	18	7
Winter Wheat	0	7	51	41	1
Livestock	1	9	39	47	4
Vegetables	4	10	38	44	4
Pasture	6	17	44	28	5

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 05/03/10 TO 05/09/10

	AIR				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	TEMPERATURE MIN	AVE	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	92	53	73	70	0.00	3.45	13.10	19.62
Minden	91	51	71	69	0.07	0.63	12.51	21.71
Mooringsport	91	54	72	MM	0.00	0.92	12.38	17.53
Extreme/Average	92	51	71	70	0.04	0.78	12.45	20.05
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	91	49	72	70	0.00	1.04	11.12	22.59
Homer/Hill Farm	89	(47)	68	68	0.00	2.48	16.54	21.82
ULM-Monroe	91	50	73	70	0.05	2.77	13.33	24.08
Columbia Lock	92	53	72	MM	0.17	0.75	10.05	24.87
Extreme/Average	92	47	71	70	0.06	1.76	12.76	22.81
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	91	56	72	69	1.83	3.01	12.90	25.27
LSU-St Joseph	91	57	74	71	0.30	0.79	15.97	24.65
LSU-Winnsboro	91	50	72	70	0.04	0.45	11.12	23.96
Tallulah	91	52	73	70	0.40	1.90	13.23	24.61
Extreme/Average	91	50	73	70	0.64	1.54	13.31	24.57
4. West-Central								
Leesville	(93)	49	73	70	0.00	0.48	11.88	21.62
LSU-Rosepine	92	51	72	70	0.00	1.18	13.66	21.32
Natchitoches	92	54	73	70	0.12	0.91	12.05	21.57
Extreme/Average	93	49	73	70	0.04	0.86	11.88	21.47
5. Central								
Alexandria	87	51	69	72	0.00	0.33	13.42	23.19
Brusly	MM	MM	MM	71	M.MM	M.MM	MM.MM	24.00
Bunkie	91	58	75	72	0.00	0.66	16.36	24.48
LSU-Alexandria	91	56	74	71	0.00	0.33	14.26	22.15
Extreme/Average	91	51	73	72	0.00	0.44	14.68	23.34
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	89	55	74	MM	0.76	1.83	15.96	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	90	57	75	72	0.09	0.21	10.99	22.68
Amite	92	55	74	71	0.19	1.93	15.73	26.39
LSU-Hammond	MM	MM	MM	71	0.22	2.29	13.28	24.82
Slidell	86	58	76	72	2.65	3.96	19.64	23.82
Extreme/Average	92	55	75	72	0.92	1.98	15.58	24.92
7. Southwest								
DeRidder	91	55	73	72	0.00	1.56	16.33	21.76
Jennings	93	59	75	72	0.00	0.74	11.22	19.89
LSU-Crowley	93	57	76	73	0.01	0.37	9.26	20.75
Extreme/Average	93	55	74	73	0.00	0.89	12.27	20.15
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	90	57	75	72	0.09	0.25	12.49	22.12
LSU-Jeanerette	91	59	76	72	0.03	0.65	11.13	19.94
Morgan City	86	63	75	72	0.05	0.11	8.78	20.59
Extreme/Average	91	57	75	73	0.06	0.34	10.80	20.92
9. Southeast								
Galliano	85	65	77	73	1.12	1.29	17.29	21.98
Houma	90	61	76	74	0.00	0.49	12.46	20.91
Terrytown 3S	90	64	78	MM	2.24	3.02	16.68	MM.MM
Reserve	MM	MM	MM	72	0.38	M.MM	MM.MM	24.03
Extreme/Average	90	61	77	74	1.12	1.60	15.48	22.38
State Averages	93	47	74	72	0.32	1.14	13.45	22.34

M = Missing ( ) = Extremes Yr. to Date = Through May 09, 2010

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